

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

--- ADDENDUM ---

City Hall, Council Chambers
1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603

September 28, 2009

Closed Session 5:15

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

ADDENDUM: Item #9 has been added

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for Assistive Listening Devices or other considerations should be made through the City Clerk's Office at (530) 823-4211, Ext. #112

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Designated Representatives: Robert Richardson, David Mackowiak

Employee Group: All Bargaining Units

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation: Jean L. Couzens Day in Auburn

Proclamation: Walk to School Week

Commendation: Judith L. Johnson, Retired Auburn Police Department
Dispatcher

AGENDA APPROVAL

This is the time set aside for council members and/or the public to ask for removal, postponement or a change to the listed sequence of an agenda item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion with a roll call vote.

There will be no separate discussion of these items unless persons request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action. Any items removed will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

1. **Minutes**

Pages 9 - 14

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of August 24, 2009.

2. **2009-10 Street Overlay Project – Bid Award**

Pages 15 - 16

By **RESOLUTION** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a construction contract with Teichert Construction for the 2009-10 Street Overlay Project in an amount not to exceed \$332,200.00

3. **Pathway “Club Car” Vehicle Surplus Donation**

Pages 17 - 22

By **RESOLUTION** authorize the surplus and ownership transfer donation of one (1) used 2002 Pathway “Club Car” golf cart (VIN# 515LD22B82 A227699) valued at \$500.00 to the Placer Union High School District.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

4. **Public Comment**

This is the time provided so that persons may speak to the Council on any item not on this agenda. Please make your comments as brief as possible. The Council cannot act on items not included on this agenda; however, the items will be automatically referred to staff.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Consider a General Plan Amendment and Rezone at 512 & 514 Sacramento Street**

Pages 23 - 102

- A. By **RESOLUTION** approve the 512 & 514 Sacramento Street General Plan Amendment (Attachment 5);
- B. Introduce and hold a first reading, by title only of and **ORDINANCE** to amend the Zoning designation from Residential Single Family, minimum parcel size 10,000 (RT-1-10), to Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) Zone (Attachment 6);

- C. By **MOTION** adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, prepared for the General Plan Amendment and Rezone as the appropriate level of environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines (Attachment 7);
- D. By **MOTION** adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Report Plan (MMRP) implementing and monitoring all Mitigation Measures in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines (Attachment B); and
- E. By **MOTION** adopt the Findings of Fact and Conditions of Approval recommended by the Planning Commission for approval of the General Plan Amendment & Rezone as presented in the Staff Report (Attachment 9).

REPORTS

6. Informational Reports from Committees/Commissions

Arts Commission – Louise Burda Gilbert

7. City Council Committee Reports

The purpose of these reports is to provide information to the city council and public on projects and programs that are discussed at committee meetings. **No decisions are to be made on these issues.** If a council member would like formal action on any of these discussed items, it will be placed on a future city council agenda.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

8. Development of a Strategic Plan to Aid in the Prevention of Catastrophic Wildfire in the City of Auburn Pages 103 - 106

By **MOTION** approve the recommendation and authorize the Fire Chief to begin the development of a Strategic Plan to address prevention of catastrophic wildfire within the City of Auburn.

9. Petition to Prevent a Catastrophic Fire in Auburn

By **MOTION** approve placing a petition, "Prevent a Catastrophic Fire in Auburn," on the City's website to facilitate the collection of resident names in support.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to meeting of the Auburn Urban Development Authority

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, 1225 Lincoln Way, Room 8, Auburn, CA 95603 during normal business hours.

MEMO

September 25, 2009

To: Mayor Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Powers, Council members Kirby and Nesbitt
Fr: Council member Hanley

Re: Petition to Prevent a Catastrophic Fire in Auburn

Recommendation: Approve placing the petition – “Prevent A Catastrophic Fire in Auburn” – on the city’s website to facilitate the collection of resident names in support.

1. For several years, the federal Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has had a Cooperative Agreement with CalFire for wood fuel removal and fire suppression in the 300-foot wide Auburn Shaded Fuel Break. There has been disappointment among some members in our community that not enough wood fuel is removed each year because the frequent fires in the state pull the inmate crews from this task toward fighting fires elsewhere.
2. When the BOR unilaterally cancelled the Cooperative Agreement in October 2009, the Auburn City Council took action in January by approving a letter to our federally-elected officials and to BOR to renew the agreement or sign a new agreement to begin once again the wood fuel reduction and fire suppression. Only after the devastating *49er Fire* in North Auburn, did the BOR forward an emergency agreement with CalFire. Many in our community are skeptical about whether this new emergency agreement will accomplish significant wood fuel reduction on the ground.
3. *It is time to try something new.* Let’s engage Auburn residents to help put public pressure on federal officials in Washington D.C. to devote more resources toward wood fuel reduction in the American River Canyon. Let’s collect hundreds of signatures from Auburn residents to demonstrate that our community is deeply concerned about protecting life and homes in our town.
4. Our Fire Chief lists one of the three objectives of a Strategic Plan: “*City of Auburn citizens to create a positive campaign program that identifies the concern and advocates support from Bureau of Reclamation top officials for fuels management on adjacent federal lands, while maintaining good working relationships.*” The petition is written to begin implementing this important objective now.
5. Members from the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council and any other volunteers will circulate the petition among service clubs and throughout the community. Putting the petition on the city’s website can help collect signatures.

PREVENT A CATASTROPHIC FIRE IN AUBURN

A fire that starts on federally-owned lands in the American River Canyon could result in the injury and death of firefighters and residents and destroy numerous homes and businesses in Auburn.

Fire is inevitable. However, removing brush and wood fuel every year and creating defensible space around structures on private and public lands will save lives and homes.

The City of Auburn will do everything it can to lower the fire danger on private lands. However, fire officials in Auburn are disarmed if the fire danger continues to build on adjoining federal lands.

To prevent a catastrophic fire in Auburn, federal officials must immediately devote more resources to remove the dangerous levels of wood fuel from the American River Canyon now and each year.

Sign our online petition to strongly urge federal officials in Washington D.C. to help prevent a catastrophic fire in Auburn.

PETITION:

I strongly urge federal officials at the Department of Interior and Bureau of Reclamation in Washington D.C. and our federally-elected officials to act with urgency and immediately provide all necessary resources to remove dangerous brush and wood fuel in the American River Canyon along Auburn's eastern boundary.

Signed:

First Name

Last Name

Email

Zip/Postal Code

SUBMIT